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SUBJUKCT: SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH ON UNITED NATIONS:
POSSIBLE MOVES ON ISRAELI UNGA SUSPENSION AT KAMPALA

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1. EMBASSY HAS TAKEN THREE STEPS IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS TO INSURE SENIOR MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS APPRECIATE US DISAPPROVAL OF AND CONCERN OVER BURGEONING CAMPAIGN TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA FROM UP-COMING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. STEP 1: AMBASSADOR OUTLINED GROWING US CONCERN OVER RECENT GA TRENDS TO MUHAMMAD RIDA BEDAWI, CHIEF ARAB LEAGUE SZFTION, FOREIGN MINISTRY. DRAWING ON ARGUMENTATION REFTELS, AMBSSADOR STRESSED DUAL BASIS OF US UNHAPPINESS: UN CONSTI-TUTIONAL--CIRCUMVENTION OF PROVISIONS OF UN CHARTER AND GA RULES OF PROCEDURE; AND POTENTIAL UNDERMINING OF CURRENT MID-EAST PEACE EFFORTS--DENIAL OF ISRAEL'S STATUS AS LEGITIMATE MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RUNS RISK OF DESTROYING ONE OF BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS OF ONGOING ARAB-ISRAEL SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED UP CONVERSATION WITH PERSONAL NOTE TO BE-DAWI (ONLY FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFFER WITH FLUENT COM-CONFIDENTIAL

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NEWS STORY REPORTING GROWING CONCERN AMONG DIPLOMATS AT UN HEADQUARTERS AND CLIPPING OF NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ("AN EMPTY SHELL" REPRINTED INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE JULY 17) NOTING US CONCERN WAS "POLITICAL FACT" AND ASSERTING THIRD WORLD HAD CHOICE OF FUNCTIONING FORUM OR IRRELEVANT POLITICAL ACTION GROUP.

3. STEP 2: AFTERNOON BEFORE PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TOOK OFF FOR KAMPALA EMBASSY HAND-DELIVERED PERSONAL NOTE FROM AMBASSADOR TO MUHWMMAD 'ALI SHERIF, SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY AND PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, OUTLINING US CONCERN OVER RECENT TRENDS IN UNGA AND ACCELERATING CAMPAIGN TO SUSPEND OR EXPEL ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA FROM UN. NOTE EXPLICITLY CITED IDI AMIN'S SPEECH TO OPENING SESSION FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AS EXAMPLE. WITH NOTE, AMBASSADOR ENCLOSED COPIES OF CLIPPINGS DESCRIBED ABOVE TOGETHER WITH FRENCH TRANSLATION OF SEGMENT OF SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH DEALING WITH UNITED NATIONS.

4. STEP 3: AMBASSADOR MET JULY 28 WITH AMBASSADOR BAKAR OULD SIDI HAIBA, DIRECTOR DIVISION INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO INVITE ATTENTION OF GIRM TO SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH. (EXCEPT FOR BRIEF OVERNIGHT VISITS TO NOUAKCHOTT, FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN ON SAHARA TRAIL SINCE LATE JUNE; HE AND DIRECTOR DIVISION POLITICAL AFFAIRS ARE NOW IN KAMPALA WITH PRESIDENT. AS RESULT, SIDI HAIBA IS ONLY-AND OVERSCHEDULED--SENIOR SUBSTANTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CURRENTLY IN NOUAKCHOTT.) NOTING SECRETARY'S SPEECH WAS PART OF MORE GENERAL EFFORT TO DEVELOP DIALOGUE WITH LDCS AND TO RESTRUCTURE US RELATIONSHIP WITH THIRD WORLD, AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED US HAS ADDRESSED PROBLEM OF LONG-RANGE TRENDS IN UN BECAUSE WE BELIEVE UN IS AND CAN CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT FOCUS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN CONTEXT OF OUR BASICALLY CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO SPEAK FRANKLY, EXPLICITLY, AND IN ADVANCE OF UPCOMING GA ABOUT OUR CONCERNS. AMBASSADOR MADE AND DISCUSSED POINTS OUTLINED

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REFTELS, SUMMARIZING CONSTITUTIONAL ARGUMENTS SET FORTH REFTELS AND IN GREATER DETAIL IN LEGAL POSITION PAPER. HE LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTAINING FRENCH TEXT LEGAL ANALYSIS PLUS FRENCH TRANSLATION OF UN SEGMENTS OF MILWAUKEE SPEECH. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED US WANTS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF UN UTILIZING ORGANIZATION AS FOCUS FOR MAINTENANCE PEACE AND SECURITY AND FOR RESOLUTION OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

HE REQUESTED SIDI HAIBA AND FOREIGN ISNISTRY TO ACT TO INSURE MAURITANIAN REPRESENTATIVES AT GA AND TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCENTRATE ON AREAS OF COMMON CONCERN WHICH ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO RESOLUTION VIA POSITIVE ACTION AND AVOID POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED CONFRONTATION ISSUES. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GIRM WOULD AVOID COMMITTING ITSELF IN ADVANCE TO RIGID BLOC POSITIONS, REMAINING FREE INSTEAD TO DETERMINE ITS VOTING POSITIONS IN LIGHT OF ONGOING DEBATE AND EVOLVING CONSIDERATION OF PARTICULAR PROBLEMS.

5. IN RESPONSE SIDI HAIBA DECLARED GIRM, LIKE ALL SMALL AND RECENTLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS, HOLDS UN IN HIGH ESTEEM AND VIEWS FUNCTIONING AND EFFECTIVE UN AS ESSENTIAL TO MAURITANIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND POLITICAL WELL-BEING. ACCORDING TO SIDI HAIBA, GIRM WANTS COHESIVE AND UNIVERSAL UN, AND HAS AS BASIC ELEMENT OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY PURSUIT OF THIS GOAL. BUT MAURITANIA IS ALSO CONFRONTED WITH POLITICAL FACT OF INTENTIONAL, FLAGRANT, AND CONTINUING DISREGARD ON PART OF SEVERAL (UNNAMED) UN MEMBERS OF VIEWS AND WISHES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS EXPRESSED IN ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF VARIOUS

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ORGANS OF UNITED NATIONS. IN SOME INSTANCES, FLAUNTING OF SECURITY COUNCIL DECISIONS AND GENERAL

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS HAS IN FACT CONSTITUTED VIOLATION OF CHARTER, SPECIFICALLY MEMBER'S PLEDGE TO FULFILL OBLIGATIONS AND TO REFRAIN FROM USE OF FORCE. FACED WITH CONTINUING DISREGARD OF U.N. DECISIONS, OTHER MEMBERS MUST FIND SOME MEANS TO BRING RECALCITRANTS INTO LINE, AND HAVING TRIED EVERYTHING ELSE, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION APPEARS TO BE ONLY COURSE LEFT. SIDI HAS SUGGESTED NO WAY TO BRIDGE GAP BETWEEN CONFLICTING OBJECTIVES, AND IMPLIED GIRM HAS NONE. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS AND FOR MILWAUKEE TEXT, AND HOPE FOR CONTINUING EXCHANGE ON SUBJECT DURING PERIOD LEFT BEFORE GA.

6. EDITORIAL IN NEW PARTY DAILY NEWSPAPER "CHAAB" JULY 28 ASSERTED COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS TENTATIVELY APPROVED RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE AT THIS STAGE WHETHER SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL OR PARTY JOURNALIST HAS MORE ACCURATE VIEW OF GIRM POLICY. IN VIEW MAURITANIAN TRADITION OF GOING ALONG WITH ARAB OR OAU BLOC POSITIONS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT GIRM WILL BUCK TIDE ON EXPULSION ISSUE NO MATTER HOW STRONGLY IT MAY BELIEVE IN PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OR MAY
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DESIRE COHESION OF UN. BUT FACED WITH PROSPECT OF US WALKOUT, GIRM MIGHT BE STIMULATED TO INITIATE INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR MIDDLE WAY, SUCH AS PURSUIT OF EXPULSION VIA CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS THROUGH STRICTEST POSSIBLE OBSERVANCE OF CHARTER PROVISIONS. AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO PURSUE TWIN PROBLEMS OF RECENT GA TRENDS AND EXPULSION CAMPAIGN WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WHENEVER HE CAN CATCH LATTER IN HIS NOUAKCHOTT OFFICE, WITH DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DIVISION UPON HIS RETURN FROM KAMPALA, AND WITH ANY OTHER GIRM OFFICIALS WHO CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS PARTICIPANTS IN GA PREPARATIONS. HANDYSIDE

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